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Instruction Manual - Please keep for future reference

VC-303 Compact Bagless Cylinder Vacuum Cleaner

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Read all instruction before use and keep for future reference.

FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.
When using the vacuum cleaner, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:

1. Only use the vacuum cleaner indoors on dry surfaces. Do not handle the plug or vacuum cleaner with wet hands. Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
2. Turn off the vacuum cleaner controls before disconnecting or connecting from the mains supply.
3. Always unplug the vacuum cleaner before connecting or disconnecting the vacuum hose and accessories.
4. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
5. This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
6. Only use as described in this manual. Only use recommended attachments.
7. Do not use the vacuum cleaner if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water.
8. Do not use the vacuum cleaner with a damaged cord or plug. If the supply cord is damaged, call the helpline for assistance.
9. Do not pull or carry by cord/hose. Do not use the cord/hose as a handle, close a door on the cord/hose or pull cord/hose around sharp edges or corners. Do not run the vacuum cleaner over the cord. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
10. Do not put any objects into openings. Do not use with any openings blocked and do not restrict air-flow. Keep all openings free of dust, lint, hair or anything that might reduce airflow.
11. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
12. Do not pick up hot coals, cigarette butts, matches or any hot, smoking or burning objects.
13. Do not pick up flammable or combustible materials (lighter fluid, petrol, kerosene etc.) or use in the presence of explosive liquids or vapours.
14. Do not vacuum up harmful or toxic material (chlorine, bleach, ammonia, drain cleaner etc.).
15. Do not vacuum up hard or sharp objects such as glass, nails, screws, coins, etc.
16 Do not use without ALL of the filters in place.
17. Take extra care when vacuuming on stairs.
18. Keep vacuuming area well lit.
19. Store the vacuum cleaner in a cool, dry area.
20. Turn off the on/off switch before unplugging the vacuum cleaner.
21. Only use CE - approved 13 amp extension cords. Non-approved cords may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that the cord cannot be tripped over.

WARNING: Always switch off and unplug the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet before assembling, opening or emptying the dirt container, connecting/disconnecting the attachments, or carrying out maintenance or troubleshooting checks.

CAUTION: The vacuum cleaner is a very powerful unit. Before plugging the cord into the electrical outlet, make sure the switch is in the 'off' position. Hold the vacuum cleaner firmly when starting and in use.

IMPORTANT: If the inlet, hose or extension tube is blocked, switch off the vacuum cleaner and remove the blockage(s) before re-starting the vacuum cleaner.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that filters should be checked and cleaned periodically. For washable filters, ensure they are completely dry before inserting back into the vacuum cleaner. Do not wash with detergents. Use only warm water, max 40°c.

IMPORTANT: The motor is equipped with a thermal cut-out. If for any reason the unit should overheat, the thermostat will automatically turn the unit off. Should this occur, unplug the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet and turn off the switch. Remove dirt container and empty. Clean filters. Allow the unit to cool for approximately one (1) hour. To re-start, plug into an electrical outlet and switch back on.

This vacuum cleaner is intended for household use only and NOT for commercial or industrial use.
PLEASE KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER USE.

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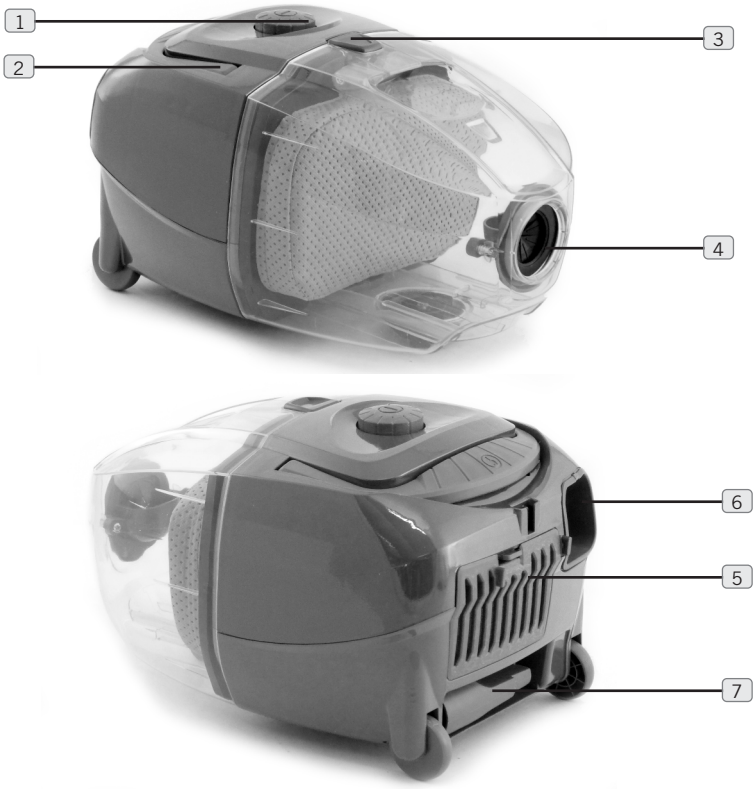
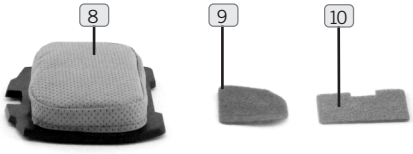
KNOW YOUR MACHINE

Vacuum Cleaner



1. On/off button/Variable power
2. Carry handle/Cord rewind
3. Dirt container release
4. Hose inlet
5. Post motor filter cover
6. Plug
7. Tool storage

Filters (pre-assembled in product)



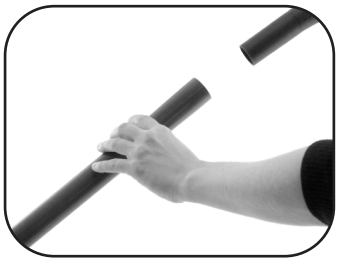
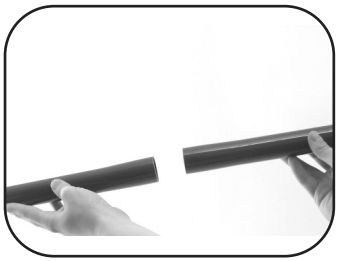
8. Pre motor filter
9. Pre motor filter
10. Post motor filter

Accessories

11. 2pc extension tube
12. Crevice tool
13. Combination floor head
14. Hose & handle

ASSEMBLY

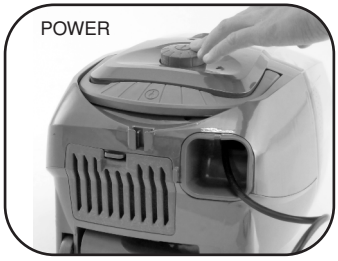
Assembling your vacuum cleaner

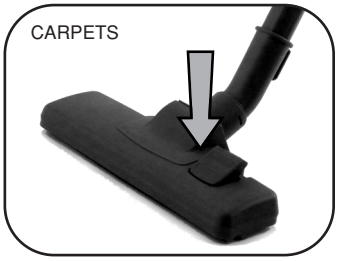



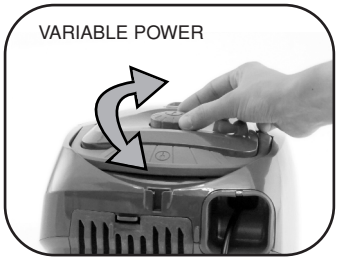
OPERATION

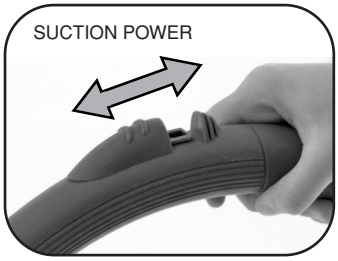
Operating the appliance

⚠ IMPORTANT: Fully unwind the power cord. A yellow mark indicates the recommended cord length. Do not exceed the cord length beyond the yellow mark.









Packing away and storage

OPERATION

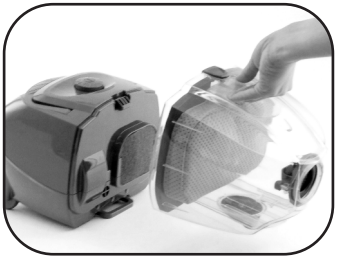
Accessories

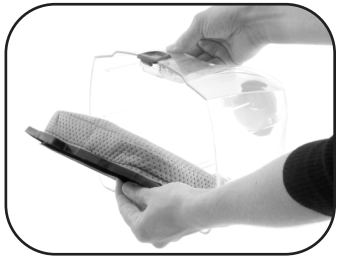
MAINTENANCE

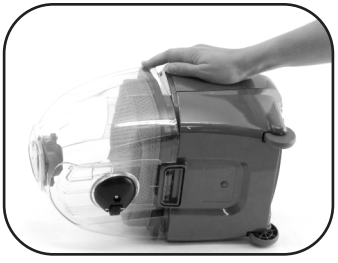
⚠ WARNING: To reduce the risk of electric shock, turn the vacuum cleaner off and unplug from the electrical outlet before performing maintenance/troubleshooting checks.

Emptying the dirt container

⚠ NOTE: To obtain the best results, empty/clean the dirt container regularly.



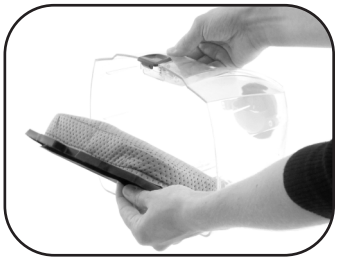


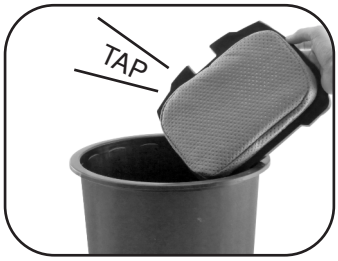


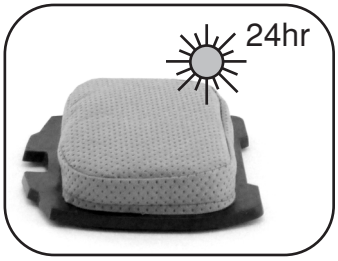
MAINTENANCE

Cleaning the pre motor filter

⚠ NOTE: Failure to keep filters clean will result in a loss of performance.







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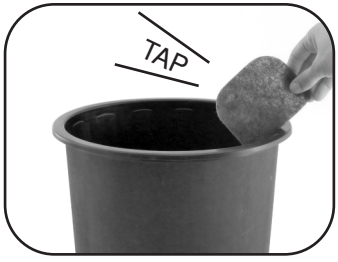

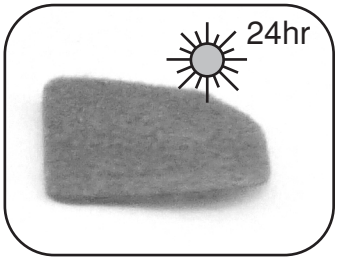

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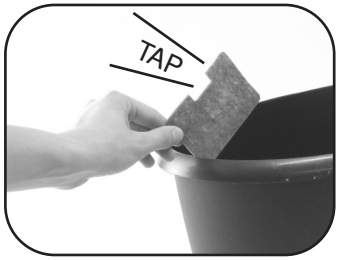
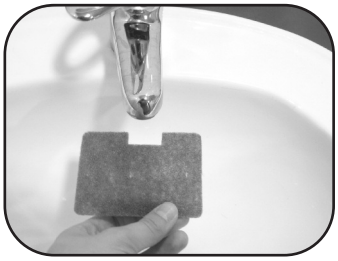
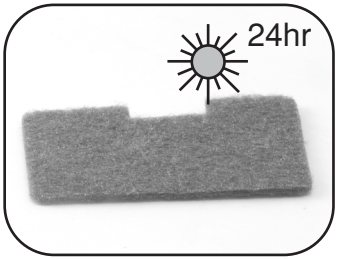
Cleaning the post motor filter







MAINTENANCE

Removing debris from the hose

⚠ NOTE: Disconnect the hose from the vacuum cleaner and remove any blockages found and then reconnect the hose securely.

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TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSES	SOLUTIONS
There is an accessory missing	1. A part(s) is missing from box	1. Check the 'KNOW YOUR MACHINE' page of your instructions
The vacuum cleaner does not switch on	1. The unit is not plugged into a mains socket 2. The power button on the unit has not been depressed 3. The thermal motor cut out has been activated 4. There is no electricity to the power socket	1. Ensure the plug is firmly in socket and switched on 2. Depress the power switch on the unit 3 If the unit has cut out during use, disconnect the unit from the wall socket, allow to cool for one hour, clean the filters, empty bin/dust bag and check the hose/accessories for blockages 4. Seek expert help from a qualified electrician
The vacuum cleaner won't pick up	1. The accessories are not correctly fitted. 2 There are blockages in the hose/accessory 3. The dirt container/dust bag is full 4. The filters are blocked/clogged	1. Check hose and tools are correctly attached to the machine/hose/tube; refer to 'OPERATION' section of your instructions 2. Check the air paths of the hose/accessory are not obstructed by blockages 3. Check dirt container/dust bag and if necessary empty/replace 4. Frequent cleaning of filters will maintain performance; see 'MAINTENANCE' section of your instructions
Dust is escaping from the vacuum cleaner	1. The filters/dust bag/dirt container are not fitted correctly 2. The filters/dust bag are damaged	1. See 'ASSEMBLY' and 'MAINTENANCE' sections. 2. If the filters/dust bag are damaged these will need to be replaced
Accessories wont pick up dust/debris	1. The wrong tool is fitted for the task 2. The tools are blocked 3. The filters are blocked 4. The dirt container/dust bag is full 5. The hose/tubes are blocked	1. See 'KNOW YOUR MACHINE' section. 2. Check the air paths of the tools are not obstructed by blockages 3. Frequently cleaning filters will maintain performance; check 'MAINTENANCE' section 4. Check and empty the dirt container/replace dust bag 5. Check the air paths of the hose/tubes are not obstructed by blockages
The blockage indicator (if applicable to model) activates	1. The filters/dust bag/dirt container are blocked 2. The dust bag/dirt container is full 3. The accessories/hose/tube are blocked	1. Frequently cleaning filters will maintain performance; check 'MAINTENANCE' section 2. Check and empty dirt container/replace dust bag 3. Check the air paths of the accessories/hose/tubes are not obstructed by blockages

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Model number : **VC-303**

Voltage: **220-240V ~ 50Hz**

Wattage: **1400W max.**

CE

EEC Statement of Compliance

Manufacturer/EEC importer: Hereby on our own responsibility, declare that the VC-303 is manufactured in compliance with the following Directives:

Safety: **2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive**

EMC: **2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive**

Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your Local Authority or retailer for recycling advice.

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PRODUCT GUARANTEE

This product is guaranteed against manufacturing defects for a period of

Year

This product is guaranteed for twelve months from the date of original purchase. Any defect that arises due to faulty materials or workmanship will either be replaced, refunded or repaired free of charge where possible during this period by the dealer from whom you purchased the unit.

The guarantee is subject to the following provisions:

- The guarantee does not cover accidental damage, misuse, cabinet parts, knobs or consumable items.
- The product must be correctly installed and operated in accordance with the instructions contained in this manual.
- It must be used solely for domestic purpose.
- The guarantee will be rendered invalid if the product is re-sold or has been damaged by inexpert repair.
- Specifications are subject to change without notice.
- The manufacturer disclaims any liability for the incidental or consequential damages.
- The guarantee is in addition to, and does not diminish your statutory or legal rights.

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